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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

MATTHEW W. GENACK

Applicant(s)

ROBERTS, ROBIN U.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERIT IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 26 May 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 39-56 and 58-62.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 39-56 and 58-62 are allowed.

Regarding Claims 42 and 56, Ogier *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,845,091, discloses a wireless ad hoc multi-hop network comprised of a plurality of mobile nodes (Abstract, Column 3 Lines 7-28, Fig. 1). Each of the plurality of nodes may operate in an off mode and a sleep mode (Column 15 Lines 23-29). Each node maintains a neighbor table that contains an entry for each neighboring node and its operational state; these operational states are lost, heard, and symmetric; in the lost state, the neighboring node is either in the sleep or off mode or out of range (off state), in the heard mode, the neighboring node is turned on and has transmitted a HELLO message, but it may not be able to hear its neighboring nodes (which would qualify as an active, non-relay state), and in the symmetric mode, the node and its neighbor can heard each other (active, relay state) (Column 29 Lines 15-40, Table 3).

Ogier *et al.* does not expressly disclose an active and non-relay state wherein a node receives data packets addressed to it and transmits data packets sourced from it, yet does not relay any packets addressed to another node, nor does Ogier *et al.* expressly disclose the reception, by wireless device nodes, of economic credits for the relaying of one or more packets, wherein each of said nodes includes an associated number of economic credits and an associated maximum number of economic credits, whereby a given node is switched to an active, non-relay state when said

associated number of economic credits equals or exceeds said maximum number of economic credits.

An *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,813,272, discloses a quality of service (QoS)-based routing method for an ad hoc network, whereby the path with the optimum QoS is selected (Abstract, Column 2 Lines 31-38 and 63-65, Figs. 1-17). The total accumulated QoS for a given path is calculated at a current node in said path (wherein said path starts at a designated starting node), and the next node is chosen from the set of neighbor nodes to the current node; neighbor nodes not meeting QoS requirements are excluded from being relay nodes for the particular call being set up (though these excluded nodes send and receive data for QoS determination, they are simply not part of those selected path for the new call) (Column 5 Lines 25-43, Column 9 Lines 1-33, Figs. 1-2, 4, and 6).

An *et al.* does not expressly disclose the reception, by wireless device nodes, of economic credits for the relaying of one or more packets, wherein each of said nodes includes an associated number of economic credits and an associated maximum number of economic credits, whereby a given node is switched to an active, non-relay state when said associated number of economic credits equals or exceeds said maximum number of economic credits.

Susnow *et al.*, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0159385, discloses the use of flow control credits in the transmission of data packets in a wireless network, and the comparison of the current number of accumulated credits with a credit

threshold, in the context of data sent from a source node to a destination node by way of intermediate nodes in a wireless network ([0017], [0037], [0071]).

Susnow *et al.* does not expressly disclose the reception, by the wireless nodes, of economic credits for the relaying of one or more packets, wherein each of said nodes includes an associated number of economic credits and an associated maximum number of economic credits, whereby a given node is switched to an active, non-relay state when said associated number of economic credits equals or exceeds said maximum number of economic credits. No prior art reference was found that discloses this feature. Therefore, Claims 42 and 56 are allowable over the prior art.

Every one of the remaining claims depends on either Claim 42 or Claim 56. Therefore, all of Claims 39-56 and 58-62 are allowable over the prior art.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MATTHEW W. GENACK whose telephone number is (571)272-7541. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Edouard can be reached on 571-272-7603. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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